

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
UTILITY DIVISION
AGENDA NO. 00-06-26**

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For Work Week Commencing: June 26, 2000
Business Meeting: June 26, 2000, 10:00 a.m.

General Introduction This agenda is the Commission's Utility Division agenda for the work week designated. In the later part of each week (generally, Thursday by 2:00 p.m.) prior to the work week to which an agenda pertains, the agenda is posted on the public information bulletin board at the Commission offices, deposited in the mail directed to all persons who have properly requested notice by mail, emailed to all persons who have properly requested notice by email, and posted to the Public Service Commission's worldwide web site located at <http://www.psc.state.mt.us>.

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Work Sessions All items identified below are for Commission discussion or action on the day designated (Dan).

1. Discuss MPC Sale – Placeholder (06/27/00))
2. D97.7.90 – MPC – USBC tariff filing – Discuss/act on (06/27/00)
3. D99.9.215 – MDU – 1999 Integrated Resource Plan – Discuss/Act on draft Commission response (6/27/00)
4. USWest – Pending Pricing Docket – To advise the Commission about the schedule and get feedback (6/27/00)
5. L-00.6.4-RUL – Telecommunications Flexible Pricing Rules – Discussion, direction, action on noticing hearing for t-com flexible pricing rules (6/27/00)
6. D99.11.250 – Mid-Rivers – ETC – Discussion and action on Mid-River's request for PSC certification to FCC and USAC (6/27/00)

7. L-00.5.3-RUL – Hot Springs Telephone Co – Petition to Amend Interest-on-Deposits Rule –Discussion and action on petition to amend rule (6/27/00)
8. D2000.1.14 – Ronan Telephone – To act on RTC motion in limine and consider scheduling oral argument on “bill-and-keep” reconsideration; also to act on RTC reconsideration of PSC action on data request objection (6/29/00)

Weekly Scheduling Meeting – Will be held at 9:45 a.m. on the day of the Business Meeting

Action Items All items identified below are for action at the Commission business meeting.

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1. US WEST Docket N2000.6.83 (LEROY)

On June 14, 2000 US WEST filed Tariff Transmittal 00-20 "Eliminate Toll-PAC" to eliminate the Toll-Pac offering. This special toll offering was route specific for calling between designated exchanges (Albion to Missoula and Fort Peck to Glasgow). There are currently no customers purchasing this service.

2. US WEST Docket N2000.6.84 (LEROY)

On June 14, 2000 US WEST filed Tariff Transmittal 00-21 "Revisions - Operator Verification Service" to revise the language for operator verification and interrupt to allow charging for these services for data communications in addition to voice. Presently, US West has authority to charge only when voice communication is on the line. Due to the increase of data communications/internet connectivity, US WEST wants the ability to charge for verification of line status when data is on the line. It also

provides for the application of charges for verification when it can be determined that the line is in an "off hook" status. There is no change in the rate requested.

3. US WEST Docket N2000.6.86 (Dave)

On June 14, 2000, US West filed Tariff Transmittal 00-23, "Introduce Minutes Free Toll Plan for Business Custom Choice and Centrex 21 Packages." This plan is available for customers who choose US WEST as their intraLATA provider (LPIC). Under the plan, customers will receive up to 100 direct dialed minutes free each month. Once the 100-minute threshold is reached a price per minute of \$0.09 will apply. In addition, the filing will allow three line business to subscribe to Business Custom Choice.

4. US WEST Docket N2000.6.85 (Dave)

On June 14, 2000, US WEST filed Tariff Transmittal 00-22, "Promotion Tariff Offering and Promotional Addendum for NONUTILITY Incentive – Access Line". The limited time promotion is scheduled from July 5, 2000, through September 30, 2000, and will be marketed as "Power Strategy 2000". The target market group are small business customers in Montana. Customers who subscribe to an additional Flat Rated Business Line, an additional Centrex 21 line, a CustomChoice Business line, Business Voice Messaging Service will receive a gift certificate of \$25.00 for Business Voice Messaging and \$75.00 for all of the others. Also as part of this promotion, customers who subscribe to ISDN service will receive a \$100.00 rebate on their bill.

5. U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS- Docket N2000.6.87 (Scott)

On June 15, 2000, U S WEST filed Tariff Transmittal 00-24 to introduce a custom calling feature – Wireless Extension. Wireless Extension allows a customer to integrate their wireline and wireless service. The service is a call forwarding feature that allows the customer to give out one number and be reached either on their wireline or their wireless phone.

Information Items All items identified below are for information only.

Tentative Action Items for Agenda 00-07-10

New Filings Received in Past Week

- N2000.6.83 – USWC – Tariff 00-20 “Eliminate Toll-PAC”
- N2000.6.84 – USWC – Tariff 00-21 “Revisions-Operator Verification Service”
- N2000.6.85 – USWC – Tariff 00-22 “Promo offering and addendum
NONUTILITY – Access Line “Power Strategy 2000”
- N2000.6.86 – USWC – Tariff 00-23 “Intro Minutes Free Toll Plan for Business
Custom Choice and Centrex 21 Packages”
- N2000.6.87 – USWC – Tariff 00-24 “Intro of Wireless Extension Service”
- D2000.6.88 – Miller Oil Company – Request gas tracker for rate increase